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**2012 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release 18
Kuskokwim River Subsistence Salmon Fishing Restrictions**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Bethel for subsistence salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim River Drainage.

The Holitna River mouth to the Headwaters of the Kuskokwim River: Section 5

Currently subsistence Chinook salmon fishing with hook and line gear is open with a daily bag limit of 3 and no possession, season, or size limits. Additionally, a fish wheel used to take fish is **NOT** required to have a livebox. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently restricted to the use of gillnets with 6-inch or less mesh not exceeding 50-fathoms in length until 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012. **Effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 23, 2012 subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets is open to unrestricted mesh size and Chinook salmon fishing with hook and line gear is open.** Additionally, a fish wheel used to take fish is **NOT** required to have a livebox.

This area is defined as that portion of the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries upstream from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located downstream of the Holitna River mouth upstream to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office and through local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

For additional information concerning this news release:
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